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REMARKS

Applicant has reviewed the Final Office Action mailed on August 11, 2004, as well as the art cited. Claims 1, 12, 21, 24, 30 and 32 are currently amended. Claims 1-35 and 107-110 are pending in this application.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-9, 11-16, 18-26, 28, 29 and 31-35 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Farnworth et al., (U.S. Patent No. 5,995,378).

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 10, 17 and 27 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Farnworth in view of Jungersen (U.S. Patent No. 4,987,978).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 107-110 were allowed.

Claim 30 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Telephonic Interview

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the telephonic interview on October 28, 2004. The Applicant discussed the rejected claims. In particular, the Applicant discussed possible amendments that could be made to the rejected claims to get them allowed so the application could issue into a patent. The content of the allowed claims was discussed and the Examiner stated that if the rejected independent claims were amended to include the limitations in the allowed claim (claim 107) those rejected claims would also be allowed. Accordingly, the Applicant has amended the remaining rejected independent claims to include the limitations of the allowed claim. In particular, the Applicant has amended Claims 1, 12, 21, 24 and 32 to include language regarding the frame being thermally coupled to the housing and the circuit

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cards being selectively thermally coupled to the frame. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-29 and 31-35.

Applicant has further rewritten Claim 30 into an independent claim that includes all the limitation of its rejected base claim and intervening claims. As such the Applicant respectfully rejects the objection to Claim 30.

The Applicant has merely made the above amendments to get the case allowed. The Applicant, however, retains the right to file a continuation application having claims with a scope similar to those as originally filed.

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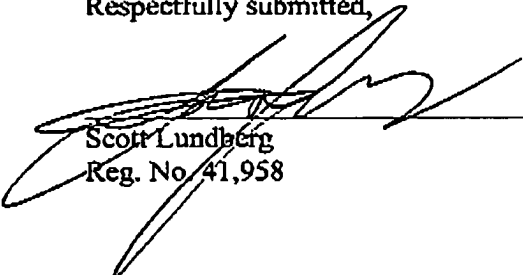
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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-35 and 107-110 are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 502432.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this application, please contact the undersigned at 612-455-1690.

Respectfully submitted,

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